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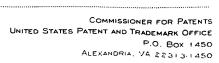
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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

37 CFR be comp docume	dment document filed on 3/2/4 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of .121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to ant, correction of the following item(s) is required. Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment to must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's ent document must be re-submitted. 37 CFR 1.121(h).	
THE FO	LOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT: Amendments to the specification: A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings. B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined. C. Other	
	2. Abstract: ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72. ☐ B. Other	
	3. Amendments to the drawings:	
X ;	A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present. B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims) C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical orders. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical orders. E. Other:	
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since th	n-compliant amendment is a reply to a NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION (including a submission for an RCE), and amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of NTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).	
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